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an army into divisions and sections, each of which is placed in charge of some trusted chief, who in turn has a large number of subordinates under him.

But the servants cannot be expected to be better than their masters. When the men in high places are dishonest and unscrupulous and their subordinates know it, they can scarcely be blamed if the latter follow the example set them. When subordinates are given to plainly understand that they must take every possible advantage of customers or others who fall into their hands, the effect on the honesty of the employees is extremely bad.

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True, some men will not commit a dishonest act of this character under any circumstances, but there are others who have a family to support, who feel that they cannot give up a situation that insures them a living. They quiet their conscience upon the reflection that they are not carrying out their own wishes in the transaction, but that while committing acts which they loath and abhor, they are carrying out orders which they are required to do in the discharge of their duty.

What about the conscience of the employer? He may comfort himself with the fact that he is getting richer, which he looks upon as the main interest in life, but he should stop long enough to remember that he is educating a set of thieves who may in the end plunder him. There is an expression which is as old as the business of buying and selling: "Gentle Employer." But the purchaser takes care of himself. The buyer is a man out of whom money is to be made, for him take care of himself and look out for his own interests.

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NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS will be held in the Offices of the Company, Queen's Buildings, New Praya, on MONDAY, the 23rd February, 1903, at 12 o'clock Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors and the Statement of Accounts to the 31st December, 1902.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be CLOSED from the 9th to the 23rd February (both days inclusive).

By order of the Board of Directors,

GEO. A. CALDWELL, Acting Secretary.

Hongkong, February 3, 1903. 240

THE HONGKONG, CANTON AND MACAO STEAMBOAT COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that an EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING OF THE HONGKONG, CANTON AND MACAO STEAMBOAT COMPANY, LIMITED, will be held at the Company's Offices in Bank Buildings, Victoria, Hongkong, on THURSDAY, the 24th February, 1903, at 11 o'clock a.m., when the subjoined Resolution which was passed at the Extraordinary General Meeting of the Company held on the 7th February, 1903, will be submitted for confirmation as a Special Resolution.

That the Articles of Association be altered in manner following:

(a) In Article (79) the word "nine" shall be substituted for the word "seven."

(b) In Article (88) the words "nine thousand" shall be substituted for the words "seven thousand."

By Order of the Board of Directors,

T. ARNOLD, Secretary.

Hongkong, 7th February, 1903. 272

EOTHEN MARK LODGE—No. 264.

A REGULAR MEETING of the EOTHEN MARK LODGE will be held at the Freemasons' Hall, on THURSDAY, the 24th Instant, at 5.00 for 5.30 p.m. precisely. VISITING BRETHREN are cordially invited to attend.

Hongkong, February 19, 1903. 349

HONGKONG FIRE INSURANCE CO., LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE THIRTY-FOURTH ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS in the above Company will be held at the OFFICES OF THE COMPANY, Pedder Street, on MONDAY, the 2nd day of March, 1903, at 12 o'clock Noon, for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts to 31st December, 1902, and the Report of the Directors for the year ending 31st December, 1902.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 16th February, to the 2nd March, both days inclusive.

J. MARINE, MATHESON & CO., General Managers.

Hongkong, February 9, 1903. 275

THE CHINA FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

THE THIRTY-FOURTH ORDINARY MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS.

in the above Company will be held at the COMPANY'S OFFICES, No. 3, Queen's Road Central, Victoria, on THURSDAY, the 5th day of March, 1903, at 11.30 a.m., for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and the Report of the Directors for the year ending 31st December, 1902.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 19th Instant to the 5th proximo, both days inclusive.

By Order,

GEO. L. TOMLIN, Sec. clary.

Hongkong, February 6, 1903. 259

THE ANNUAL DEVONIAN DINNER.

will be held at the Hongkong Club on SATURDAY, 14th March, at 8 o'clock p.m.

Any Devonians wishing to attend are requested to Communicate with the Under-

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MOWBRAY S. SOUTHCOTE, Hon. Secretary.

Hongkong, February 2, 1903. 360

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NOTICE TO MARINERS,

No. 156 (Special).

CHINA SEA.

SHANGHAI DISTRICT.

New Channel over Woosung Outer Bar.

NOTICE is hereby given that a new channel has opened over the Woosung Outer Bar, with a least depth of 12' 4" in the Low Water of Spring Tides, i.e., with one foot more water than in the old channel.

To use the new channel entering Woosung, pass the Outer Bar Light at a distance of 12 cables on the starboard hand and steer for the Fort Buoy. Care is necessary to avoid being struck on the light by the flood tide, which in its neighbourhood runs athwart the channel.

Until the 28th instant the Outer Bar Signals will continue to indicate the depth of water in the old channel and the colored sectors of Woosung Light will remain as before.

On and after the 1st March, the Outer Bar Signals will indicate the depth of water in the new channel.

W. FERD TYLER, Acting Coast Inspector.

Imperial Maritime Customs, Coast Inspector's Office, Shanghai, 12th February, 1903. 333

NOTICE TO MARINERS,

No. 156 (Special).

CHINA SEA.

SHANGHAI DISTRICT.

Prescriptions to be taken in crossing the Woosung Outer Bar.

DEFERRING to Notice to Mariners, No. 156 (Special), Notice is hereby given that until the 1st March next, i.e., during the period that both channels over the Woosung Outer Bar are in use, it is recommended that the following Rules be observed in order to facilitate traffic and avoid accident:

1.—Vessels approaching the Outer Bar, whose draft admits of their crossing the old channel, should not use the new channel, but leave it free for larger vessels.

2.—Vessels intending to use the new channel should, when approaching it, hoist "V" of the International Code of Signals at the fore.

3.—No vessel should use the new channel at night time.

W. FERD TYLER, Acting Coast Inspector.

Imperial Maritime Customs, Coast Inspector's Office, Shanghai, 12th Feb., 1903. 334

NOTICE TO MARINERS,

No. 157 (Special).

CHINA SEA.

SHANGHAI DISTRICT.

Alterations in Aids to Navigation at the Woosung Outer Bar.

DEFERRING to Notice to Mariners, No. 156 (Special), Notice is hereby given that on or about the 1st March next the following changes in Aids to Navigation near the Woosung Outer Bar will be effected:

THE WOOSUNG OUTER BAR LIGHT-BOAT will be shifted so as to mark the Southern side of the outer entrance to the new channel.

CAUTION: When this change has been made and until directions for crossing under the new conditions have been published, vessels should exercise special caution in this neighbourhood. The present best crossing by the new channel as given in Notice to Mariners, No. 156 (Special) is with the Fort Buoy bearing S. 81° W. magnetic.

WOOSUNG LIGHT. The red and green sectors of this Light will be discontinued, and it will show a fixed white light over entire arc of its illumination.

THE WOOSUNG SPIT BUOY will be discontinued.

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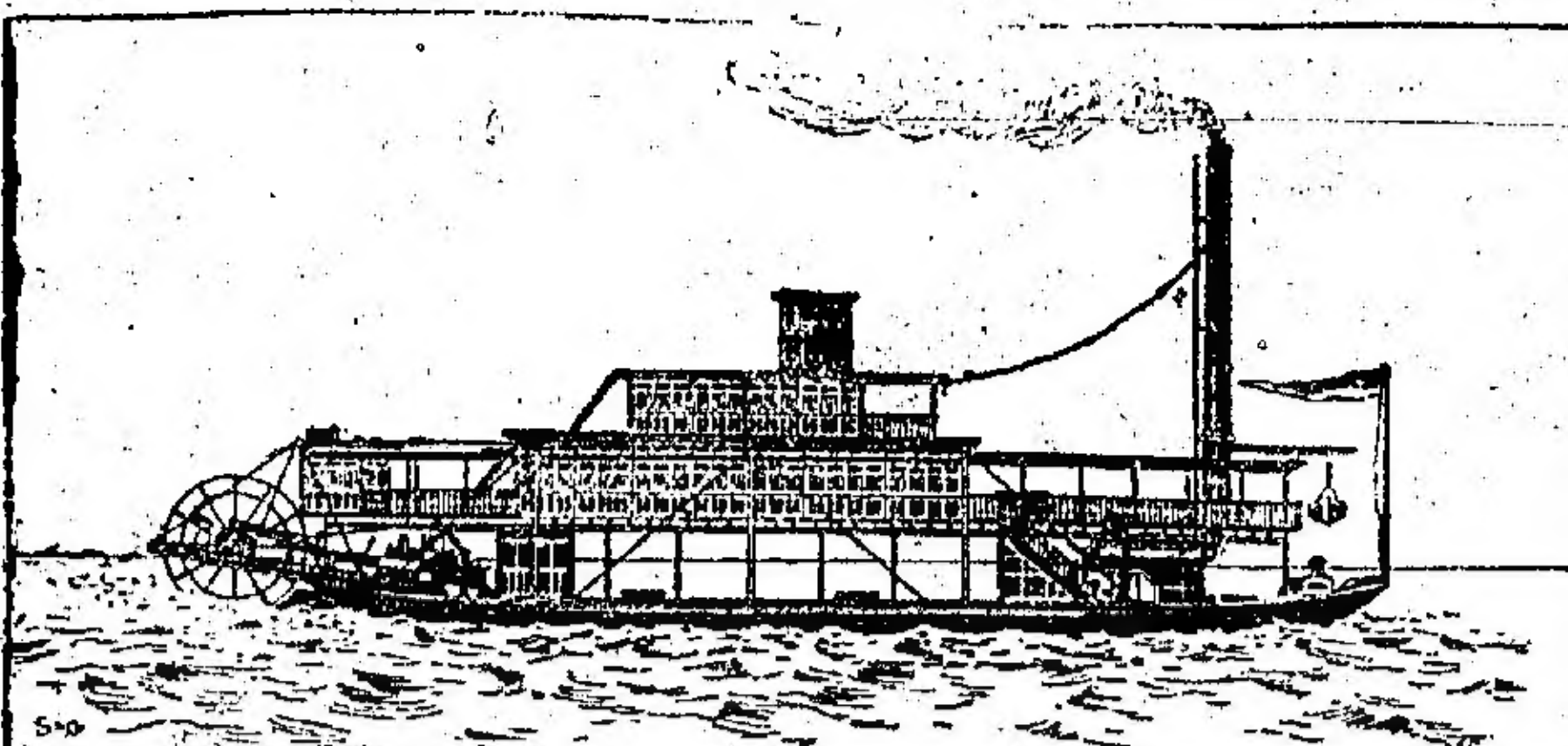
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Meeting.

Noon.—Meeting of Shareholders of Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Co., Ltd., at the Company's Office.

Amusements.

9 p.m.—Performance at the City Hall.

General Memoranda.

TUESDAY, February 24.—

11 a.m.—Extraordinary General Meeting of the Hongkong, Canton and Macao Steamboat Co., Ltd., at the Company's Office.

WEDNESDAY, February 25.—

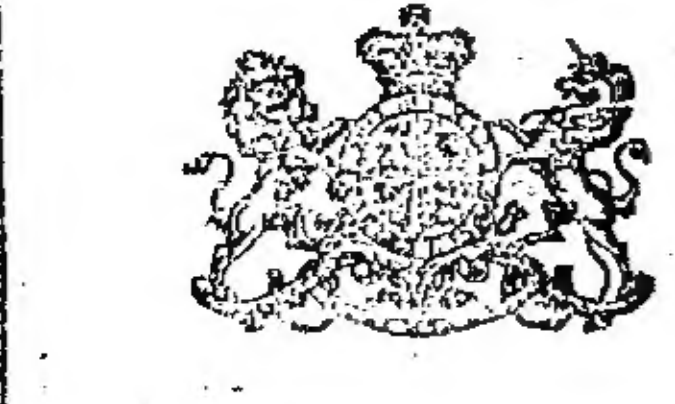
11 a.m.—Auction of Cardiff Coal at Tsim-tsa-tsi on Marine Lots 4 & 5.

THURSDAY, February 26.—

5.30 p.m.—Meeting of Eothen Mark Lodge.

THURSDAY, March 5.—

11.30 a.m.—Meeting of Shareholders of The China Fire Insurance Co., Ltd., at the Company's Office.



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BIRTHS.

On the 10th February, at the Manse, Kuala Lumpur, the wife of the Rev. W. E. Huxley, of a Son.

At Cadets' Bungalow, Seppoy Lines, Penang, Monday, the 9th February, the wife of DAVID A. M. BROWN, of a Daughter.

DEATH.

On Feb. 13, at 'Woodside,' Singapore, HUGH WILLIAM, the infant son of Rowland Allen.

The publication of this issue commenced at 5.20 p.m.

The China Mail.

HONGKONG, SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 1903.

The Blue Book, published some time ago, which contains the Report of three members of the Committee (the fourth having resigned), appointed by His Excellency the Governor to inquire into and report upon the general question of education in Hongkong, contains some pertinent criticisms on the present condition of things, and further offers some suggestions, which, were they carried into effect, would certainly improve the education of the Colony, though it need not be assumed that we endorse all the suggestions of the Committee. The education within the reach of the children of Hongkong comprises, English, Anglo-Chinese, and Vernacular. With the first and last here we have nothing to do. The question of Anglo-Chinese schools here in Hongkong is one of great importance and interest, and one that, more and more, must engage the attention of those whose duty it is to care for the future of the Colony. In regard to the improvement of the Anglo-Chinese schools, three points are elaborated, and were they applied along the lines suggested, improvement would certainly result therefrom. 'Instruction in the English language is of course essential.' It is also 'essential that Western knowledge should be a compulsory subject in every standard.' Further, it is essential that 'the students should possess, on entering these Anglo-Chinese schools, a sufficient knowledge of the Chinese written language, which sufficient knowledge is to be maintained and improved during the years which are mainly, we presume, to be devoted to the acquirement of English. There can be no doubt that these are excellent suggestions, but men of considerable experience, both in Chinese education and in the Chinese language, have expressed doubts as to the feasibility, of attaining to this 'sufficient knowledge' of the Chinese written language before entering these Anglo-Chinese schools. Nor is it a little thing that is demanded. A guarantee, by open examination, must be shown, that the lad has the ability to write an ordinary narrative intelligently, and read and understand the news column of a Chinese newspaper. Any body who knows what the news column of a Chinese newspaper is knows that considerable time and strength must be devoted to Chinese, before a lad can crack that nut, and even then, not seldom, he will, before he has read two lines, stumble across a sentence from the Classics, which is unintelligible except to the learned. It is of course, self-evident, that an adequate knowledge of their own language is a desideratum for all Chinese youths, who have any ambition, but experience shows that it is extremely difficult to secure this, and at the same time commence the study of English young enough to hope for any measure of success. The Committee seem convinced that up to the present, the methods adopted by teachers are inadequate. They have evidently discovered, what the man in the street has long known, that the Chinese, who are well equipped in their own, and at the same time proficient in the English language, are not legion. The methods employed are condemned. This condemnation may or may not be just. It may, however, be pointed out that, perhaps, there is some difficulty in the nature of things, and that, where so few have succeeded and so many failed, it may be assumed that the task is not an easy one; and there are those, whose opinions are worth noticing, who think that this is so. The Chinese themselves are aware of this, and, therefore, in many instances do not attempt to pursue both subjects with equal diligence. The result is that the Chinese written language—cumbersome and antiquated as it is—falls into the background, and the youth must content himself with the modest equipment secured before he attempts to obtain a knowledge of English. How far the Government will attempt to apply

the suggestion offered by the Committee, and how far indeed they can be effectively applied, remains to be seen.

What is meant by, and what limitations the term 'Western Knowledge' connotes, are not quite clear. But though this, too, is an important matter, as it does not specially concern us here and now, we return to the first recommendation, viz., instruction in the English language. What are the motives that impel the Chinese youth to-day to exert themselves so diligently to acquire a knowledge of English? If a satisfactory answer could be given to this question, then perhaps we should be able to ascertain whether the Chinese are anxious to acquire a fair modicum of 'Western Knowledge' per se; and further, whether in the interests of an adequate equipment for life in the Colony, or the great emporium of Canton, they are desirous to acquire a competent knowledge of the Chinese written language. Some little time since, it was our privilege to enter the class rooms of an Anglo-Chinese school, in the upper form of which we found eight or ten boys. We asked them individually their reasons for spending so much time in learning English and what they thought of the Chinese language. The answer, as far as it dealt with the Chinese, was not flattering for those who extol it. The motives that were impelling them towards English were varied. Two or three were anxious to become doctors versed in Western methods and Western medicine. The same number were looking forward to a business career, where English would be essential. One or two wanted to enter the Imperial Customs. One hoped to find a billet in a native Yamen as an interpreter. Of all the replies only one expressed a desire to know English for the sake of an education per se. In fact, the result of our queries was that these youths, whose proficiency was considerable, were, with one doubtful exception, in quest of English, not because they wanted a superior education, as we understand it, not because they were anxious to ascertain 'the nature of our policy in the East, and China's relation with the Powers,' but because they knew that English was an Aladdin's magic lamp, which, though it might not guarantee that its possessor should marry 'the daughter of the Sultan of China,' would enable him to marry other 'people's daughters,' and also furnish him with the means of building a substantial 'palace.' In other words, English is the key to success in the commercial world, and success therein means wealth. If, therefore, this is the avowed ideal of young men, who are old enough to know their own minds, and who might be presumed to have some knowledge of the principles which guided them, how much can it be hoped that the average Chinese boy, who is struggling to pick up a smattering of English, cares for anything further. Whilst, therefore, there are many who could wish, with the Blue Book before us, that a competent knowledge of the written language could be secured by the Chinese youths of our Colony, facts seem against it, and it may be assumed, that if one is to go to the wall, it will not be English.

Dr Pontecost's Meetings.

The Sunday morning service of the Wanchai Wesleyan Church will be transferred to the City Hall, when Rev. Dr. Pontecost will preach. Service to commence at 10 o'clock. On Sunday evening, a general meeting in the Theatre at 8 o'clock. On Monday, the only meeting will be a general one at 8.30 p.m. at the City Hall. Dr. Pontecost's further lecture entitled, 'The Reasonableness of Christianity' is now announced to be under the auspices of the Odd Volumes Society, and to be delivered on Wednesday next at 6.15 p.m.

Five Liners to be Built.

Two new Cunarders have now been placed definitely with Messrs. Vickers, Sons and Maxim and Messrs. Swan, Hunter and Co., Newcastle, says the Glasgow correspondent of the Central News. Each steamer will have three screws and will cost £1,250,000. It is stipulated that the boats shall be built in 24 months, to be ready for a maiden voyage in June 1905. The speed conditions have been modified to 20 knots for six hours' running, and 25 knots for two days' continuous steaming. A Glasgow telegram says the Union Castle line has resolved on adding three large mail steamers to their fleet. One is to be built by Messrs. Fairfield and Co., Govan, the second by Barclay and Curle at Whiteinch, and the third by Messrs. Harland and Wolff at Belfast.

Tax Minister's Wife.

'I'm afraid Mr Skindiff does not realise that the Lox loves a cheerful giver.' The Minister 'Oh, I don't know. The less he gives the more cheerfully he gives it.'

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

Notes by the Way.

The British China squadron costs £1,430,000 for maintenance.

The Viceroy on the 20th ult. opened the Calcutta Imperial Free Library.

Several Atlantic Liners have been delayed owing to the scarcity of coal in New York.

Five feet of snow has fallen at Gorman, and many Koreans have died there of starvation.

H.M.S. Thetis arrived at Singapore on the 12th inst. She relieves the Arcturion on this station.

Mr Charles C. Craig, the Unionist who has been elected for South Antrim, is a Belfast solicitor.

The death is announced at the age of 69 of Mr John Guthrie, the well-known Colombo accountant.

Ir women had brain power as well as their instinct, man would be more of a crawling worm than he is.

The birth rate for Singapore during the last quarter of 1902 was 21.26. The death rate for the same period was 48.22.

A Royal Commission has been appointed to consider what can be done for the improvement of London traffic arrangements.

The Government at Tokio has been advised that two new British battleships, the *Canopus* and *Vengeance*, are on their way to the Far East.

Mr A. J. Leggh, Puisne Judge at the Straits, has been granted six months' half pay leave after three months' vacation dating from January 28.

Sir Bache Cunard has recovered a judgment in the Supreme Court of Appeal, London, for £341,541, against his first cousin, Mr C. G. Frodlynn.

A chess match was played on the Atlantic by wireless telegraphy last month between the *Lucania* and the *Philadelphia*. The latter won in twelve moves.

It appears that there are actually 150,000 people starving in Amoor, not counting Toyama prefecture, where the destitute have not yet been numbered.

Mr Nakai, Manager of the London Branch of the Spence's Bank, on whom the Court rank of the second grade had just been conferred, died at Tokio on the 8th inst.

Colonel Hughes's *Brilliant*, the winner of the Derby and the Garrison Cup, will be put up to public auction at the Fountain, in front of City Hall, on Tuesday, the 24th inst., at 12.30 o'clock.

According to the *Jiji*, the Russian Consul at Masampo is trying to get the present Korean Inspector removed, and is prepared to advance the money required to secure the post for a pro Russian official.

Hongkong Infected.

Through the courtesy of Mr May, we are informed that the following telegram has been sent by the Colonial Secretary, Singapore, to the Colonial Secretary, Hongkong: 'Hongkong declared to be infected.'

The Kaiser's New Role.

The German Emperor has presented to the Reichstag a table recently prepared by himself, showing the remarkable preponderance of the naval strength of Great Britain over Germany in every class.

German Naval Sensation.

Lieutenant Lengerke, who was acting as first officer on board the German cruiser *Vineia*, when that vessel sank one of the Venezuelan warships, and who was summoned to Europe to report on the affair to the Kaiser, has committed suicide at Havre.

A Well-Merited Sentence.

Abu Bakar-Iste, captain of the *Boon San II*, has been sentenced at Singapore to six months' rigorous imprisonment for failing to stand by the *Kian Yang*, after collision, and attempt to rescue the passengers and crew. Some of the passengers were picked up, floating on wreckage, two days after the collision.

Evermore who has suffered from the dilatory movements of Scottish trains 'will appreciate this story from a Fifeshire paper. Goller (who has been doing St. Andrews after unusually long stoppage at small station): 'I say, guard, why aren't we going on?' Guard (who is peacefully taking his lunch): 'There's nothing wrong. But I canna whistle the noo; my mouth's full o' biscuits.'

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LOCAL AND GENERAL.

Victoria Recreation Club.

A scratch four race will take place on the 21st March, under the auspices of the V.R.C. Entries close at 6 p.m. on Monday, the 23rd inst., and it is one of the conditions that each crew must include a griffin. A double scull race will also take place if there are sufficient entries.

The Currency Meeting.

Subscribers desirous of obtaining copies of the *Overland China Mail* containing a full report of the Currency Meeting can have them on application to this Office. Price 35 cents per copy (cash). Only a limited number will be printed, so that orders should be sent early. Copies will be posted to any address supplied.

The Late General Prinsloo.

General Prinsloo, whose death was reported the other day, surrendered with over four thousand men to Sir Archibald Hunter in the Little Caledon Valley, Orange River Colony, on July 30, 1900, after a series of extensive operations in which Generals Clements, Paget, Macdonald, and Bruce Hamilton took part. General Prinsloo was sent to Ceylon as a prisoner, and at the close of the war returned to his home. At the beginning of the war he had charge of the Free State forces, but he never possessed the confidence of the Boers, who accused him, not without cause, of dilatoriness and incapacity.

Hospitals.

The Superintendent of the Alice Memorial and Netherdale Hospitals begs to acknowledge with thanks the following donations to the Building Fund of the Netherdale Maternity Hospital:—

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Selling a Battleship.

The novel spectacle of the sale by auction of a British battleship, with her guns and engines on board, was witnessed at Portsmouth on the 13th ult., when Messrs. Fuller, Horsely, Sons, and Cassell began a three days' sale of miscellaneous surplus stores by first offering the *Agamemnon*, which has been for some time in the sale list and for which no satisfactory tender has been received. The conditions stipulated that the ship was to be removed from Devonport, where she is now lying, within two months of signing the purchase agreement, subject to a penalty of £50 a week and the cancellation of the contract at the end of four months. It was further stipulated that the ship should not be removed out of the United Kingdom and that she must be broken up within two years. The War Office reserved the option of purchasing any of the armour plates at the rate of 2s a hundredweight. About 200 dealers were present. The bidding, beginning at £500, sprang at once to £5,000 and quickly rose to £20,000, at which price the battleship was knocked down to Messrs. Eppenhaim and Co., of New Broad-street, London. The price was considered highly satisfactory, in view of the cost of breaking up, and it is understood that several other ships now in the sale list will be disposed of in the same way.

East is East.

The Indian is wedded to class, and he cannot get away from this caste-ridden condition. The truth of this story is borne out in the following little happening at the local police court. An Indian Constable made an arrest in the course of a row at Kennedy Town. The origin of the scuffle was the non-payment on the part of a long-gowned, high-caste Chinaman of a ricksha fare from the centre of the City. The Chinese aristocrat offered the coolie 5 cents, which the ricksha-puller deemed too little, and refused. Thereupon, the 'fare' ran into a little cook shop, which happened to be a part of his Kennedy Town property, and throwing off his long coat, attacked the coolie. The latter was badly mauled, and a watchman came to his rescue. The Chinese grandee charged the watchman with being an impostor, and told an Indian constable that the watchman and coolie had stolen his gold chain. At the Police Station Inspector Baker very soon sifted the truth, and, instead of the 'Son of the Sun' being the complainant, the coolie and the watchman were put in that position. But, this did not satisfy the Indian officer of the law, No. 792, who walked the complainants into the dock, and the defendant into the witness box, when the case was called, this morning. It took all the stern presence of the court to convince him of his error; but all the same the weaver of the long gown was fined \$1 for his assault upon the coolie, and \$9 for assaulting the watchman.

Patti's Golden Notes.

A New York paper says that Mr. Robert Grau has signed a contract with Miss Patti for a six months' tour in the United States. There will be sixty concerts, for each of which Miss Patti is to receive £2,000 and an additional 50 per cent. of the receipts when the takings for a concert exceed £15,000. It is further stipulated that the sum of £2,000 shall be banked to bind the contract, and £8,000 banked some months before the tour commences.

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TELEGRAMS.

[REUTERS'S SERVICE.]

MR CHAMBERLAIN IN SOUTH AFRICA.

LONDON, February 19, 1903.

Mr Chamberlain has had a prolonged interview with Mr Hofmeyer and several leading ex-Afrikaner Ministers.

GREAT BRITAIN, GERMANY AND CHINA.

Lord Cranborne, referring to the German agreement with China prior to the evacuation of Shanghai, said that China, in reply to Great Britain's refusal to recognise the agreement, declared she would not allow anything that had passed to prejudice Great Britain's rights on the Yangtze. Lord Cranborne had no reason to feel displeased with the result of the affair, and considered that the Japanese Agreement enormously strengthened our position in China.

PARLIAMENT AND CHINA.

Lord Cranborne, replying in the House, said that the Government had not modified its view concerning the control of the Chinese Customs in the future; that the Government had not yet received an invitation to participate in a conference on the subject of the Mexican and Chinese proposal regarding currency; and that the Government had not recommended China to introduce a national currency coin in pursuance of the Anglo-Chinese agreement.

INTERNATIONAL RUGBY FOOTBALL.

Scotland Beats Wales.

A London telegram dated 7th February states that Scotland had beaten Wales in the Rugby football match by six goals to nil. This was probably a telegraphic mistake, as it is far from likely that Scotland could beat Wales by six goals; more likely, the score was two tries (six points) to nil. Wales is particularly strong this year, and it was thought, after defeating England by 3 goals and 2 tries to 1 goal, that they would retain the championship. The result of the

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Acting Manager.

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HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI

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